

(c) Following steps are being taken in this regard:

1. The equipment for the telephone exchange has been arranged.
2. Necessary action has been initiated to make the infrastructure ready.

#### **Notification of the Telephone Advisory Committee Members**

†199. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the names and addresses of the members nominated in the Notified Telephone Advisory Committee at various level in Bihar by the Ministry of Communications alongwith date of such notifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

#### **Mobile Service in the Country**

200. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to provide mobile services in some selected cities;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of the cities identified therefor;
- (c) the year by which the mobile services would be provided in the entire country; and
- (d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise details of the cities proposed for mobile services are in the statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The case for provision of mobile service by Department of Telecom Services (DTS) throughout the country is in process. No time frame has been fixed.

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## STATEMENT

State	City
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad Vijayawada Tirupati Guntur Vishakapatnam Amlapuram Kakinada Rajmundry Warrangal
Bihar	Patna Biharsharif Hazi pur Badh Arah Rajgir Sasaram Bhabua
Tamil Nadu	Chennai Madurai Coimbatore Mahabalipuram M.M. Nagar Minjur
West Bengal	Calcutta Haldia
Punjab	Chandigarh Ludhiana

**Activiation of STD facility of International Buddhist Centre,  
Rajgarh, Bihar**

†201. SHRI RAMDEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for non-restoration of independent S.T.D. facility of International Buddhist tourism centre Rajgarh so far which is non-functional since Oct., 1999;

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